## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re Application for Exemption from Electronic Public Access Fees by Jennifer Gollan and Shane Shifflett

12 80 13 MISO NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING REVOCATION OF EXEMPTION FROM ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES

On March 21, 2012, the Court issued an Order Granting Exemption from Electronic Public Access Fees to Jennifer Gollan ("Gollan") and Shane Shifflett ("Shifflett"), employees of The Bay Citizen. As the Court explained in that Order, the exemption was granted, *inter alia*, on the basis of Gollan and Shifflett's representation that The Bay Citizen is "a charitable and educational 501(c)(3) organization in California that is dedicated to informing and engaging the public with incisive research." As the Order also explained, 28 U.S.C. § 1914—which sets forth the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule (the "Schedule") promulgated by the Judicial Conference—provides that "courts may, upon a showing of cause, exempt . . . section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations" from payment of electronic public access fees. The Judicial Conference Policy states that courts "should not exempt . . . members of the media" from payment.

It has come to the Court's attention that Gollan and Shifflett, as employees of The Bay Citizen, may be "members of the media." Accordingly, on April 30, 2012 at 9 a.m., in Courtroom 9, 19th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA, the Court will conduct a hearing to determine whether the exemption should be revoked. Gollan and Shifflett are invited to appear at the hearing or to file an affidavit or declaration on or before April 20, 2012, showing cause, if any,

why their exemption from payment of electronic public access fees should not be revoked on the ground that they are members of the media.<sup>1</sup>

Dated: April 10, 2012

JAMES WARE
United States District Chief Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1914 (explaining that exemptions "may be revoked at the discretion of the court granting the exemption").

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